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Atty. Docket No. MP0351
Serial No: 10/776,476Remarks

Applicants and their representatives wish to thank Examiner Jackson for allowing claims 1, 6-8, 13-18, 23, 25, and 29-79, and indicating the allowability of claims 2, 3, 5, and 12. Applicants' undersigned representative also thanks Examiner Jackson for the helpful and courteous discussion on June 28, 2007. Claim 9 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 2. Claims 70 and 71 have been rewritten in independent form. Claim 26 has also been amended substantially similarly to claims 2 and 9. The rest of the claims have been amended largely for consistency with the amended independent claims. Therefore, Claims 1-79 are in condition for allowance. The following remarks shall further summarize and expand upon topics discussed.

The Rejection of Claims 4, 9-11, 19-22, 24 and 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the interest of expediting prosecution of the present application and without conceding the issue of patentability, the rejection of claims 4, 9-11, 19-22, 24 and 26-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Goldfarb et al. in view of Klaren et al. has been obviated by appropriate amendment.

Conclusions

Applicants and their representatives again wish to thank Examiner Jackson for allowing claims 1, 6-8, 13-18, 23, 25, and 29-79, and indicating the allowability of claims 2, 3, 5, and 12 over the cited prior art. While certain reasons have been identified as a basis for indicating the allowability of claims 1-3, 5-8, 12-18, 23, 25, and 29-79, in the present case, Applicants consider the claims as a whole to be allowable. Therefore, Applicants do not necessary agree with the reasons for allowance stated in the Office Action.

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In view of the above amendments and remarks, all bases for rejection are overcome, and the application is in condition for allowance. Early notice to that effect is earnestly requested.

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